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REV. DANIEL DANA TAPPAN.

Rev. D. D. Tappan, a member of the American Peace Society, a frequent contributor to these columns, and according to his ability, to our benevolent funds, died at Topsfield, Mass., Jan. 15. He was ninety-one years of age, but was remarkably vigorous and active in mind and body to the last. Notwithstanding a fall in September from which he acutely suffered, he walked about using a cane for the first time, and assisted at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, in Topsfield, Sunday, Jan. 5. Mr. Tappan was born in Newburyport, Mass., educated at Phillips Academy and Bowdoin College and Yale Theological Seminary, and was pastor of Congregational churches in Alfred, Winthrop and Weld, Me., in Farmington and Wakefield, N. H., also at East Marshfield, Mass. He shared with his gifted brother, the hymn-writer, William B. Tappan, a taste and a facility for versification.

Sympathetic kindness; evangelical earnestness; broad philanthropy; untiring activity; strong convictions: remarkable faithfulness and affectionateness in preaching and pastoral labors, were some of Mr. Tappan's characteristics. His departure gives added and tender emphasis to the kindly words written us Dec. 13, 1889, and the verses which follow:

"Dear brother and friend—'As this vast peace enterprise lives and moves and has its being in God,' it will serenely move on albeit Europe should swim in blood. 'He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh' at the puerile devices of men to arrest his stupendous purposes. What an impulse you must have received from hearty intercourse with the great and good of other lands, and what material for enlarged and stimulating thought you must have acquired! I hope soon to send my annual contribution, but I have recently been admonished that this long life may very soon close. Pray that this remnant of life may be earnestly spent for God and man as grace and strength be given."

Suggested by a night storm and a morning calm which came to certain imperilled voyagers on Lake George.

This be our constant hymn,
"Steady!" "all's well!" as we go,
Not a quivering lip, nor a trembling limb
Tell a tale of dismay to the foe.

For Hope sits firm on our prow
With an eye serene and bright,
So we meet each storm with a fearless brow,
And defy the gloomiest night.

And we lean on the Love that restrains
The merciless winds and the waves;
Upholds—in their struggles and pains,
And in perils—his trusting one saves.

D. D. TAPPAN.

—Mary Whicher of Shaker Village, Canterbury, N. H., has died at the age of seventy-five. She was prominent in the Society of Shakers as a prudent, wise counsellor, a consecrated Christian and was chiefly known to us as a friend and advocate of the Gospel principles of peace. She was the author of several denominational and devotional works, and is a genuine loss to her Society and to the world. But "the good men (or women) do, lives after them."

WILLIAM PENN'S MAXIM.

A little before his death, John Bright, on reading one of his sermons, wrote to Rev. G. D. Boardman, D.D., and, after expressing his pleasure at the breadth and kindly spirit of the discourse, he added: "There is a passage in a little book called 'Penn's Maxims' which I once quoted in the House of Commons, in a debate on Ireland and the Irish Church, which, if you have not met with it, will, I doubt not, interest you: 'The humble, merciful, just and devout souls are everywhere of one religion, and when death has taken off the mask they will know one another, though the diverse liveries they wear here make them strangers.' What you have spoken will tend to make the devout souls know one another even here."

THE POPE AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Mr. W. T. Stead writes from Rome:—"Nothing was more touching than the prayer of the French peasants and laborers to the Chief Pastor to interpose to free the toiler from the crushing burden of the armed peace. In Spain also of late there has been the manifestation of a similar desire, and in this respect the laity but reflect the aspiration of their spiritual chief. Ever since he succeeded in composing the disputes between Germany and Spain, about the Caroline Islands, he has manifested a desire to compose other national disputes in the same fashion. Here also, if the Pope could have his way, the Catholic vote everywhere would be cast solid in favor of International Arbitration. This may not always be the best way of peace, but it indicates an anxiety to seek peace and ensure it, which I note with gratitude."

THE PEACE CONGRESS OF 1890.

At the Representative Meeting of the London Peace Societies, which was held at 47 New Broad Street, on the 10th ult., it was resolved that in accordance with the suggestions received from the various Peace Societies which have been communicated with, the next Peace Congress should be held in London in the summer of 1890, and that a General Committee be constituted to make arrangements, consisting of representatives appointed by the regularly organized Peace Societies in Great Britain and Ireland. It was also determined that the first Meeting of the General Committees should be held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1890 at 5 P. M., in the office of the Peace Society, 47 New Broad Street.—*Herald of Peace*.

[Prompt and energetic measures should be adopted to secure a good delegation from the United States.—Ed.]

At last the law passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature some eight months ago, prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors under sixteen years of age, has been vindicated. Superintendent Baer, of the Reading Public Schools, having discovered that the tobacco dealers were selling cigarettes to little children, some only six or seven years of age, brought suit against one of the offenders, who has just been convicted, and sentenced to pay a fine of twenty dollars and the costs. This is a light sentence, even for a first imposition of the penalty, the maximum provided by law being \$300.